

I am writing as a Private Pilot and General Aviation Aircraft Owner, objecting to the permanent establishment of the DC area ADIZ . Since passing my check-ride I have accumulated 480 hours in the last 5 years as a combination of recreation, personal transportation, and in support of my business travels along the East Coast. I have developed a particular appreciation for the flexibility this ability affords me as a Small Business Owner in order to grow my business and continue to create more jobs in Pennsylvania.

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt MD and numerous prime contractors in the Annapolis area had been a significant source of my company's revenue and with the advent of the Washington ADIZ my operations into that area have halted. As a VFR-only pilot I can remain on 'my' schedule and shift priorities of my trips as customers and events dictate. But the requirements to file a flight plan (and by telephone vs automated DUATS) and to maintain contact with overburdened ATC controllers limits this flexibility.

I understand that protecting the D.C. area is important, but as no General Aviation aircraft has ever been used in a terrorist attack, I believe this ADIZ is ONLY successful in generating violators, not protecting the Capital. The 15 mile Flight Restricted Zone may be necessary for that, but unimpeded access to Suburban (W18) and Lee (ANP) airfields in particular to VFR pilots would be very beneficial to my business.

I urge you to seriously consider the effects a permanent ADIZ would have on General Aviation Pilots like myself, it's economic and operational impacts, and look for alternatives.